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May 14, 2001
OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: *Universal Service Generic Contested Case*
Docket 97-00888

Dear David:

Enclosed please find the original and thirteen copies of a Petition to Intervene filed on behalf of Leap Wireless International, Inc. d/b/a Cricket Communications ("Cricket") in the above-captioned proceeding. Please contact me or Whitney Malone at (615) 252-3875 with any questions.

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

By: *Jon E. Hastings by wlm*
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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

May 14, 2001

IN RE: *Universal Service Generic Contested Case*
 Docket No. 97-00888

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Leap Wireless International, Inc. d/b/a Cricket Communications ("Cricket") petitions the Authority to intervene as a matter of right in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310.

The above-captioned docket concerns the potential application of the state Universal Service Fund ("USF") contribution requirement to Commerical Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") providers. Cricket is a CMRS provider in Tennessee and therefore has an interest in the outcome of this proceeding. Granting this petition will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.

An order granting the petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER

For good cause shown, the Authority finds that Leap Wireless International, Inc. d/b/a Cricket Communications ("Cricket") is entitled to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310. As a Commerical Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") provider in Tennessee, Cricket has an interest in the outcome of this proceeding. The petition is therefore GRANTED.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been forwarded via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following on this the 14th day of May, 2001.

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